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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 4133

Rault et al.

Examiner: Nissa M. Westerberg

APPLICATION NO: 10/572,687

FILED: August 8, 2006

FOR: Coated Tablets

Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated September 12, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-8 are canceled and replaced by new claims 9-15, which appear on page 7. The canceled and new claims are related as follows: 1-6 → 9-14; 7&8 → 15-16.

REMARKS

The abstract is objected-to because the Examiner states that it should not refer to speculative merits and the title is objected to because it is not descriptive. Both bases of objection are traversed. MPEP 608.01(b) states that the purpose of abstract is to enable the public to quickly determine the gist of the disclosure. The present abstract does exactly that. No amendment is required. The words of the title are found verbatim in claim 1 (now claim 9). Nothing more descriptive is required, the Examiner's stylistic choice of alternative language notwithstanding.